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The fact that the NAB is trying to push this issue that a few uninformed congressmen have decided to champion is unfortunate. XM is entirely within their rights granted by the FCC to air the Traffic and weather programming. The same information about New York is available to a subscriber of XM in Virginia Beach, Virginia as it is in Coloma, Michigan. There is no dedicated direct local information that is not available to every one of XM's listeners, anywhere in the county.

There is no justification for these actions other than the NAB losing a battle to a higher quality of programming and service. It is painfully obvious that the NAB feels they can no longer compete with XM (or satellite radio in general) and are realizing that their product is far inferior to that of satellite radio.

Please do not support HR 04-4026.

Thank You.